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LETTER RE: INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Submitted herewith are copies of references cited in the International Search Report and the Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 26, 2005.

Further, there is submitted herewith a second Information Disclosure Statement listing references cited in the present specification.

Favorable action is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants request consideration of the references listed on attached form PTO-1449 and any additional information identified below in paragraph 3. A legible copy of each reference listed on the Form PTO-1449 is enclosed, except a copy is not provided for:

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- (1) [] the certification of paragraph 2 below is provided, or
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- 3. [] Consideration of the following list of additional information (including any copending or abandoned U.S. application, prior uses and/or sales, etc.) is requested.
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 - d. [] the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
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